

9.
*He dropped his song -the better on
His helpless prey to drop;*



*Then, though his victim strove to fly,
He popped him in his crop.*

10.

*Thus it befel; that early worm
So good, so prompt at morn,
Was by his very virtues thus
From life and pleasure torn.*

11.

*Yet but himself to blame, for if
He had but kept his bed,
To rise betimes, some other worm
Would have been swallow-ed!*

M.